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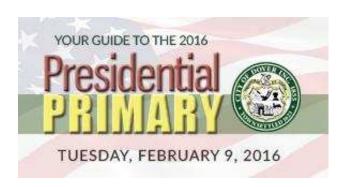
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Your guide to the 2016 Presidential Primary

The 2016 Presidential Primary is Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. Polls are open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

An online guide to the Primary Election can be found on the City of Dover's <u>website here</u>.

There are two separate ballots in a primary election: One for registered Republicans and one for registered Democrats. Voters who are undeclared, and wish to vote, can declare a party on the day of the primary and will receive that party's ballot.

Dover has the following six polling places:

- Ward 1 St. Mary's Church Hall, Chestnut Street.
- **Ward 2** First Parish Congregational Church, 218 Central Avenue
- Ward 3 Langdon Place, 60 Middle Road
- Ward 4 Elks Lodge, 282 Durham Road
- Ward 5 St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Avenue
- Ward 6 Riverside Rest Home, 276 County Farm Road

The School Board will hold a regular on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Planning Board, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

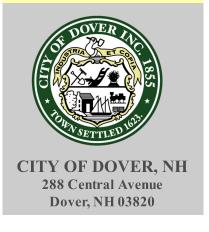
City Council, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



For more information about the election, including sample ballots, an interactive ward map, and more, visit the City's <u>Presidential Primary Election page here</u>, or contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.

Community Development Block Grant applications close Feb. 11

For over 25 years, the City of Dover has been a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community and has used this program to support countless initiatives designed to assist those in greatest need throughout the community. The annual funding Dover receives through the CDBG program is designed to support a wide range of community development activities that revitalize neighborhoods, support economic development, and provide improved community facilities and services.

To assure the best use of these funds, the City of Dover developed a "Consolidated Plan" that serves as a road map for CDBG funding. The current Consolidated Plan was adopted in 2015 and aims to create a viable urban environment through the improvement of housing and employment opportunities for low- and very low-income people, and also through improving and expanding public facilities and services. Specific objectives are:

- 1. To provide increased opportunities to residents of the City who require education, health, recreation, housing and related human services;
- 2. To weatherize and improve the older housing stock of the City, especially for persons of low- and very lowincome:
- To plan and construct public improvements in areas populated by or used predominately by low- and very low-income persons;
- To provide increased employment opportunities for low- and very low-income persons, with a focus on access to transportation;
- 5. Removal of architectural barriers to allow increased handicapped accessibility.

Every year at this time the City seeks applications from organizations who request to use the funds to support endeavors that align with the objectives listed above. Once the application period has closed, the proposals are reviewed by staff and forwarded to the Planning Board for review. In addition to recommendations from staff, the Planning Board receives input from applicants and others who wish to comment on proposed funding requests. The

603-516-6000

City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Friday**8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Planning Board decision regarding funding allotments is based upon guidance from the Consolidated Plan.

Once the Planning Board completes its review, a recommendation is forwarded to the City Council. The City Council holds a public hearing and finalizes a funding strategy for the applications. The final decision becomes the basis of an Action Plan for the 2017 fiscal year. Once this Action Plan is reviewed and approved by HUD, funds will be released to City of Dover for eventual disbursement to the organizations who received project approval.

The current application period will close on Feb. 11, 2016, with applications tentatively scheduled to be brought before the Planning Board in March and then to the City Council in April.

To review the current Consolidated Plan, click here.

For more information about Dover's Community Development Block Grant program, <u>click here</u> or contact Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u> or 603-516-6008.

Spring sports sign-ups continue Saturday

Dover Recreation will host sign-ups for spring sports at the McConnell Center cafeteria on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 6-8 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dover Baseball, Dover Youth Softball, Dover Youth Football, Dover Little Green Football, Cocheco Lacrosse, and Dover Little Green Cheerleading will be available for sign-ups.

The spring sports sign-up flyer with more detailed information about each league can be viewed here.

Dover Senior Center hosts drug awareness for grandparents

The Dover Community Senior Center will hold an informational program to help grandparents with drug awareness and recognition on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 1:30 p.m. The session will be led by Dover Police Department Detective Sgt. Scott Pettingill. Pettingill is with the department's Special Investigations Bureau.

The program is free and open to the public.

The Dover Community Senior Center is located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Door #1.

For more information, call 603-516-6420.



"Coast-It Notes" A Cappella group at Dover Library Feb. 14

Join the Dover Public Library on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. for a Valentine's Day performance by the Coast-It Notes, an a cappella group made of young area professionals. They will perform a short set featuring love songs to get attendees into the Valentine's Day mood.

The Coast-It Notes formed in 2012 as a casual a cappella meet-up and soon transitioned to a more serious group made of vocalists from the Seacoast. They perform a wide variety of music including pop, rock, Broadway, and Disney classics. They are close friends in and out of rehearsal and enjoy singing for charity organizations, hospitals, and just for fun all along the Seacoast.

This concert is free and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.



Dover Listens hosts 'Cookies and Community' this Sunday

Join Dover Listens for an an afternoon of stories, community, and warm cookies on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Cafe Espresso, 471 Central Ave., Dover.

The "Warm Cookies and Community" gatherings are open to all ages. This session focuses on grandparents and great grandparents. Come listen to the stories or share your own.

For more information, visit <u>www.doverlistens.org</u>.



City of Dover's online maps resource has new look, features

The City of Dover's online map resource has been updated for easier navigation and access.

Online maps contain a wide variety of public information, including wards and polling places, City Councilor contact information, elementary schools, points of interest, storm maintenance, trash day, zoning and more. Information can be added to a map by toggling layers on and off.

In addition, public property records by address are easily accessible, as well as a street view.

For more information and to access the maps, visit www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/maps-prcs/index.html. The maps can be accessed directly at maps.dover.nh.gov.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website

offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now hiring the following positions:

- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor
- Truck driver: Utilities
- Account clerks

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the Cityof Dover, <u>click here</u>.



Learn the secrets to a toxic-free lawn at March workshop

Want to learn how to have a beautiful lawn without toxic pesticides? The City of Dover and Beyond Pesticides will host a workshop on organic turf management on Thursday, March 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. The workshop will focus on natural turf management, led by one of the nation's experts on lawn and turf care.

Attendees will have the chance to talk to experts and ask questions.

Speakers include Chip Osborne, president of Osborne Organics. Osborne has over 15 years experience creating sustainable and healthy landscapes, and 35 years experience as a horticulturist. Also attending is Drew Toher, public education associate at Beyond Pesticides, a national nonprofit seeking to protect health and the environment from the harmful effects of toxic pesticides.

Register for this event by email here. Registration will also be available the night of the event.

This session is free and open to residents of Dover and other communities in the Great Bay watershed.

For more information, contact the City Manager's office at

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and firstgrade registration for children as follows:

Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering kindergarten;

Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

Horne Street School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary**: Thursday, April 7; Tuesday, April 12; and Thursday, April 14.
- Horne Street and Woodman Park schools:

Tuesday, April 19; Wednesday, April 20; and Thursday, April 21.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, click here.

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm.



Feb. 5, 1658 - It was agreed that 20 Pounds per annum should be raised for the maintenance of a schoolmaster for teaching all the children of the town, he having the privilege of all strangers out of the town; reading, writing, Latin and casting accounts to be taught as the parents should require.



Feb. 8, 1699 - Experience Heard, alias Jenkins, who was scalped by the Indians July 26, 1696, recovered and lived to have one child, died chiefly of her wounds bleeding.



Feb. 7, 1840 - By a decision of the Court of Common Pleas, the Turnpike from Dover to South Berwick was declared a free road from this date and the toll-gate removed.



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Feb. 7, 1924 - About 3,000 people attend the opening of the new 1,000-foot-long toboggan chute at Garrison Hill. The event included a torchlight parade and bonfire. At 8 p.m. Mayor Waldron and Park Commissioner Richardson switched on the park lights. Council President A.C. Wentworth and William Penn Tuttle, president of the Chamber of Commerce winter sport committee, rode the first toboggan down the chute, about 600 feet into a field at the bottom of the slide.



Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? <u>Sign up now</u> to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by

agenda item for convenience.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.

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